

Appl. No. 10/612,197
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An absorbent interlabial device having a body contacting surface, a garment facing surface opposing the body contacting surface, an interior region, and a periphery region which surrounds the interior region, the body contacting surface being liquid permeable, the absorbent interlabial device comprising:

an absorbent member disposed between the garment facing surface and the body contacting surface, the absorbent member having a body facing surface and a garment facing surface opposing the body facing surface;

wherein the absorbent interlabial device has a convex portion on the body contacting surface in the interior region, and a concave portion on the garment facing surface in the interior region, and the convex portion and the concave portion are formed in a face-to-face relationship; and

wherein the absorbent interlabial device is configured such that the entire absorbent interlabial device resides within an interlabial space of a wearer during use, and wherein the absorbent interlabial device has a longitudinal length of from about 60 mm to about 150 mm and a transverse width of from about 20 mm to about 80 mm and the convex portion has a length of from about 10 mm to about 80 mm, and the ratio of the length of the convex portion to the longitudinal length of the absorbent interlabial device is from about 1:1.1 to about 1:10.

2. (previously presented) The absorbent interlabial device of Claim 1, wherein the absorbent member is an absorbent core having a body facing surface and a garment facing surface opposing the body facing surface, and the interlabial device further comprises a liquid permeable topsheet disposed on the body facing surface of the absorbent core, wherein the topsheet forms the body contacting surface.

3. (previously presented) The absorbent interlabial device of Claim 2, further comprising a liquid impermeable backsheet disposed on the garment facing surface of the absorbent core, wherein the backsheet forms the garment facing surface.

4. (original) The absorbent interlabial device of Claim 3, wherein the topsheet, the absorbent core and the backsheet are layered to form a laminate structure.

5. (previously presented) The absorbent interlabial device of Claim 1, wherein the convex portion and the concave portion form a shape selected from the group consisting of a dome shape, a cone shape, or a pillar shape.

6-9. (cancelled)

10. (previously presented) The absorbent interlabial device of Claim 1, wherein the convex portion has a longitudinal length of from about 10 mm to about 80 mm.

11. (previously presented) The absorbent interlabial device of Claim 1, wherein the convex portion has a height of from about 5 mm to about 50 mm.

12. (previously presented) The absorbent interlabial device of Claim 1, wherein the periphery region of the absorbent interlabial device has a circumference edge which forms a shape selected from the group consisting of a circle, an ellipse, a triangle, a rectangle, or a gourd-shape.

13. (new) The absorbent interlabial device of Claim 1, wherein the absorbent interlabial device has a longitudinal length of from about 70 mm to about 100 mm and a transverse width of from about 40 mm to about 60 mm and the convex portion has a length of from about 30 mm to about 55 mm.

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14. (new) The absorbent interlabial device of Claim 1, wherein the ratio of the length of the convex portion to the longitudinal length of the absorbent interlabial device is from about 1:1.3 to about 1:3.3.